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#### ABSTRACT

This final performance report for the Brooklyn Public Library Literacy Program begins with a section that provides quantitative data. The next section compares actual accomplishments to project objectives for fiscal year 1992 in the following areas: (1) redevelopment of the tutor training, including redesign or addition of the writing process, group instruction approaches, whole language, roleplay, and observation elements of the training model; (2) upgrading of trainers through pre- and post-training meetings and participation in staff development seminars; (3) conversion to group instruction; (4) new tutor orientations; and (5) the establishment of student and tutor databases. Proposed and actual expenditures are compared. Activities undertaken, the role of the library, and agencies and organizations involved are described. Facilities used are listed, and the impact of the project on the ongoing literacy program is discussed. Attachments include trainees' hand-written comments on tutor training sessions, a student record form, and a volunteer information record form. (MES)

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## FINAL PERFORMANCE REPORT FY 1992

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## Part II: Quantitative Data

Provide the following information about this project by filling in the blanks or putting a checkmark next to the answer that best describes your project. If any of the questions are not relevant to this project, write N/A.

1. V	what is the size of the community served by this project?
	under 10,000 between 10,000 - 25,000 between 25,000 - 50,000 between 50,000 - 100,000 between 100,000-200,000 over 200,000
2.	What type of project was this? (Check as many as applicable)
	Recruitment Retention Space Renovation Coalition Building Public Awareness Training Rural Oriented Basic Literacy Other (describe) Setting Collection Development Tutoring Computer Assisted Other Technology Employment Oriented Intergenerational/Family English as a Second Language (ESL) Other (describe) Setting up database
3.	Did you target a particular population? (Check as many as applicable)
	Homeless Homebound Seniors/Older Citizens Visually Impaired Migrant Workers Learning Disabled Indian Tribes Mentally Disabled Intergenerational/Families Workforce/Workplace English as a Second Language Inmates of Correctional Institutions Other (describe) Advits neer age 9.17 , who read leave 5th grade leve
4.	If this project involved tutoring, what tutoring method was used?
	Laubach LVA Michigan Method Orton-Gillingham Other (describe) whole LANGUAGE ORIENTATION



5.	If this project involved tutoring, how was it provided? (check as many as applicable)		
:	one-on-one tutoringx_small group instructionclassroom instruction		
6.(a)	If this project involved tutoring, was the learning progress of the adult literacy students $\underline{\text{quantitatively}}$ measured? $\underline{\hspace{0.5cm}}$ yes $\underline{\hspace{0.5cm}}$ no		
	(If "yes", identify any tests, questionnaires, or standard methods used and summarize student results.)		
6.(b) If this project involved tutoring, were $\underline{\text{qualitative}}$ outcomes of student progress documented? $\underline{x}$ yes $\underline{x}$			
	(If "yes", briefly describe how progress was determined and summarize student results. You may attach samples of any documents used to record observations or demonstrate outcomes.)		
journa	In this project, the students were volunteer tutors. Tutors bserved by staff, took part in practice sessions and produced ls that were monitored.  e will attach journal entries.		
7.	During the course of this project were any of the following items produced? If so, attach a copy to each copy of the report.		
	bibliography resource directory curriculum guide evaluation report training manual survey public relations audiovisual newsletter(s) training audiovisual other (describe)		
	training audiovisual other (describe) recruitment brochure		
astua	*As part of the evoluntion of our training model, we are no longer the training manual. We are now providing volunteers with copies of ofessional readings, to which they can refer.		

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8. During the course of this project:

How many adult learners were served? (i.e., individuals who made use of the
library's literacy project services in some way) 900
Of those served, how many received direct tutoring service?
How many hours of direct tutoring service did they receive?34,832 total contac
How many new volunteer tutors were trained?94 hours
How many current volunteer tutors received additional training? 25
How many volunteer tutors (total) were involved? 119
How many non-tutor volunteers were recruited?15 for Friends of Literacy
How many service hours were provided by non-tutors? 300 minimum
How many librarians were oriented to literacy methods, materials,
and students?2_
How many trainers of tutors were trained?

### Part III: Narrative Report

Provide a narrative report that includes the following information:

- 1. A comparison of actual accomplishments to the goals and objectives set forth in the approved application. Describe any major changes or revisions in the program with respect to approved activities, staffing, and budgeting, including unspent funds. Explain why established goals and objectives were not met, if applicable.
- 2. Provide a comparison between proposed and actual expenditures by budget category, i.e., personnel, travel, materials, etc.
- 3. Provide, as appropriate, specific details as to the activities undertaken e.g., if library materials were acquired, describe the kinds of materials purchased; if a needs assessment was conducted, describe the results of the assessment; if training was provided, describe the training and include the dates and topics; if services were contracted out, describe the contractor's activities.
- 4. Describe the role the library has played in the accomplishment of the goals and objectives set forth in the approved grant, including whether the library was involved in the project's implementation or as a resource and site only.
- 5. Provide names of agencies and organizations recruited to volunteer their services for the literacy program or that were involved in the coordination and planning of the literacy program. Describe the nature of their role.



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#### **TUTOR TRAINING**

- L. Objective 1. During the fiscal year, 119 tutors were trained in nine tutor training workshops and writing seminars. Although this number is not as high as originally planned for it did meet the program needs for the year. The writing seminars are intensive training offerings that provide tutors with opportunities to explore their own writing process while developing effective facilitation techniques that can be utilized tutoring multilevel writing groups.
- II. Objective 2. Redevelopment of the Tutor Training. As the Literacy Program concomitantly developed practices reflecting a whole language philosophy, shifted into small group instruction, and focused on writing process as an important part of instruction, it became necessary to redevelop the tutor training. Under this grant we accomplished the following:
- a. Writing Process. The Writing Process module changed significantly over the course of the year. It was repositioned into the beginning of the training to communicate its importance. We also enlarged it from a 90 minute presentation to 4 1/2 hours distributed over three training sessions. The time was lengthened to accommodate development of a rough draft, revision and editing of tutor generated writing. Tutors must experience the model in order to "buy into" it, and understand how to facilitate



skills is an important skill in this process. We also incorporated a training video and observations. The following comments from tutor journals indicate that the training changes were effective:

- --"I learned that sometimes you can have a better understanding of your own writing by listening to what is reflected back to you. Once I read out loud what I had written and it was paraphrased back to me, it made sense."
- --"Then we changed partners and the second person said there were two short sentences in the article that could be described more. I went home and revised that section and realized they were absolutely correct. It was interesting in having two different opinions. Again the workshop session was very well done and I came away having a lot more information than when I started out."
- b. Conversion To Group instruction. Conversion to group instruction mandated reconsideration of the entire training. The trainees were organized into their own learning groups. In this way the volunteer tutors experienced the impact of group dynamics on learning and the importance of shared information. Group instructional approaches were woven into the training demonstrations and materials. Tutors had these comments to make in their journals about working together:
  - --"I learned that everyone always has so much to share from his or her experiences, and in a non-threatening environment."
  - --"I recognized something in me that I need to modify. When I worked with my partner I found my desire to be supportive at times didn't allow for much talking and elaboration by him as he might have done, if I was silent and didn't go on talking as much as I did."
- c. Whole language Training. We reevaluated the training model and realized that it was still very much a bottom-up linear model that taught tutor techniques as separate discrete skills. The training had consisted of many short activities designed to teach appropriate behaviors that we measured through observation. Since research



indicates that reading and writing are mutually supportive and disconnecting them would disconnect the entire communication process, we dropped many of the short modules and opted to spend more significant time exploring the connections between three key parts: writing, the language experience approach and guided (silent) reading. Lesson planning, which had been a separate module positioned toward the end of the training was also woven throughout.

- --"I expected that we, as tutors, would be inundated with materials, articles and yes even some type of testing mechanism, much like the comprehensive tests we grew up on...Instead opinions are valued, involvement is encouraged and learners ideas are not right or wrong, but simply different approaches. Throughout these sessions, I've reflected time and again that if such methods had been employed decades ago, we might not have such an extensive literacy problem."
- d. Roleplay. We also reexamined the roleplay, which was traditionally placed at the end of the training as a test that tutors would "pass", or "fail". We acknowledged that the skills tutors were developing were complex and needed to develop over time. Learning how to guide students through reading or writing a text in an empowering way is a skill that takes practice within a real learning context. The roleplay changed in focus and became a tool for tutors to learn, practice and ask questions. It provided trainers with a chance to observe those on target and those in need of further instruction.
- e. **Observation.** Another accomplishment was the addition of an observation period for the tutors during and after the training. We helped tutors to develop observation as a powerful tool, to notice the interaction between learners and tutors, and form their own beliefs about what worked. The following comments from tutor journals show that this happened:
  - --"No amount of imagining or roleplaying can substitute the valuable learning that occurs with watching."



- --I observed in one of the groups that the students became very bored and frustrated because it seemed to be little communication between the students and the tutor.
- --"After Thursday's (observation) session, I feel that I have more understanding and empathy toward the non-reader. The observation time gave us an opportunity to see tutors and learners at work. Someone at our table made the comment that the workshop was better than being at college."

III. Objective 3. Upgrading Trainers. The trainers were informed of all changes and actively upgraded their skills through pre and post training meetings and participation in the programwide staff development. At the pre-training meetings trainers discussed the upcoming agenda and decided on who would present the models. The post training meetings were significant because they provided trainers with time to discuss the problems and concerns raised in the training and trouble shoot ways of dealing with them. The changes discussed under Objective II evolved from these meetings.

Trainers were also invited to participate in an enriched staff development seminar that was mandated for all full-time staff. Staff met once a month on Friday mornings to discuss articles and participate in one of three projects: 1) new technologies, 2) the tutor training manual and 3) small group instruction. As staff worked in small groups they realized the value of small group learning and sharing. The projects allowed for a much deeper exploration and understanding of issues.

- IV. Objective 4. Conversion to group instruction. The support and effort of the training helped us to convert all five of our learning centers to group instruction.
- V. Objective 5. Hold New Tutor Orientations. New tutor orientations were designed to decrease the drop out rate of tutors who complete the training but decide not to tutor, while also acting as a screening device to select out people who are inappropriate for our program. The ultimate objective is to have a higher success rate of new tutors who understand and use our methods and complete their tutoring commitment.



Orientation sessions were held on 11 occasions. Approximately 215 people attended these orientations. We have observed a marked decrease in problem individuals who are not appropriate for our program.



## DATABASE ESTABLISHMENT

Recognizing that in order to evaluate our program's efficacy we would need to establish norms of comparisons and hard figures, we sought this grant to provide us with funds to establish appropriate databases. With the grant proposal we submitted, we had an attachment (Attachment A) that represented the information we would seek from our student population. However, the decision was made to join a computerized Adult Literacy database in NYC known as A.L.I.E.S. The acronym represents Adult Literacy Information and Evaluation System. As a result of this alliance that is managed by the New York Adult Literacy Initiative and contracted through the Literacy Assistance Center, we used the grant money to hire staff to re-interview the students using the standard *Individual Student Record Form*, attached in the appendix.

As part and parcel of this joining with the City University, Board of Education, community based agencies and New York Public Library in data collection efforts, we had to hire someone to manage the data collection, learn the program, educate staff and do the actual data entry. We used the grant monies for this express purpose. We could not have managed without it. It is difficult to communicate the enormous amount of work that was generated by this project. Of course, we hope to benefit from the prodigious amount of statistics available. Some accessible statistics are: the ethnicity of the population, immigrant status, employment information, the number of school children, population categories, etc. We can access statistics programwide and for specific learning centers. We can also access citywide statistics.

We hired a consultant to formulate a tutor database. We have attached a sample in the appendix. It is clear that the Brooklyn Public Library Literacy Program is embracing and exploring technology. We use it to facilitate the learning of reading and writing and we are using it to evaluate the effectiveness of our program.



2. Provide a comparison between proposed and actual expenditures by budget category, i.e. personnel, travel, materials, etc.

We spent the entire \$34,890 on Personnel. The money allocated for postage and travel between learning centers was absorbed and paid for by the Library.



3. Provide, as appropriate, specific details as to the activities undertaken-- e.g. if library materials were acquired, describe the kinds of materials purchased; if a needs assessment was conducted, describe the results of the assessment; if training was provided, describe the training and include the dates and topics; if services were contracted out, describe the contractor's activities.

## **Tutor Training**

1. Pre Training Meetings. At pretraining meetings the workshop presentations were divided among the trainers and the upcoming agenda was discussed.

October 7, 1992 January 12, 1993 May 26, 1993

2. Post Training Meetings. The following topics were discussed at the post training meetings:

maning meetings.	
Date December 4, 1993	Topics  Managing journal writing, incorporating group instruction into training, dealing with writing concerns, omitting short modules.
February 19, 1993	The impact of whole language on reading, writing process, reevaluation of the roleplay, developing active listening, effective responding and observation as important facilitation skills, student evaluations.
July 6, 1993	Impact of observation, the roleplay, weaving lesson planning through training and expanding writing process.

# 3. Other Training Meetings

Date	Topics
October 30, 1993	Philosophy of program, active facilitation techniques, what tutors need to know to be good to the
January 29, 1993	Development of writing and using observation.  Journals, writing, active facilitation techniques.  Reading, roleplay, evaluating trainees.  Observation and journals.

4. Staff Development Meetings. Trainees participated in staff development practicum with the full-time professional staff. Staff met to discuss articles and develop projects.

October 23, 1992	March 5, 1993
November 20, 1992	April 2, 1993
December 18, 1992	May 7, 1993



January 15, 1993 February 5, 1993 June 18, 1993

4. Describe the role the library has played in the accomplishment of the goals and objectives set forth in the approved grant, including whether the library was involved in the project's implementation or as a resource and site only.

The Brooklyn Public Library Literacy Program is an integral part of library services. The Director reports to the Chief of Branch Administration and meets on an equal footing with the other coordinators and staff directly under her supervision. Thus the Library is involved through consultation in every aspect of service provision to the adult learner population. Input is sought to establish that the Literacy program fulfills the mission of the library in provision of the best possible service to all constituents in the borough of Brooklyn. In its mission to provide lifelong learning services, the Brooklyn Public Library embraces adult new readers as it would new readers of any age.

All staff are employees of the Brooklyn Public Library, while some have just worked in the Literacy Program, others have transferred from branch assignments. The staff at the five centers enjoy close working relationships with the other staff. This is truly a library program. We are constantly evolving our tutor training and as such are not affiliated with any other organization other than the library. We are not an affiliate or Laubach or LVA. The library's full resources are our resources and we receive support ranging from custodial to security to allocations of space whenever feasible.

As a result of this relationship and the commitment of the Administrative staff, all goals and objectives accomplished through the provision of this grant are accomplishments of the Brooklyn Public Library.



5. Provide names of agencies and organizations recruited to volunteer their services for the literacy program or that were involved in the coordination and planning for the literacy program. Describe the nature of their role.

The Literacy Assistance Center, 15 Dutch St. 4th Floor, New York, N.Y.10038 provided technical assistance and the software necessary to access the A.L.I.E.S. program. Our staff visited the site many times, took part in numerous staff development activities and they in turn had a staff member come to the Library to train our staff. Our staff was trained in interviewing students using the Individual Student Record Form, the proper way to fill it out. The specially hired staff member was thoroughly trained in all aspects of the computer program. Their assistance is on-going and thoroughly supportive. There is no charge for this service.

6. Provide the names and locations of libraries and other sites whose facilities were used for this project.

**Brooklyn Public Library** 

- 1. Central Learning Center Grand Army Plaza Brooklyn, NY 11238
- 2. Bedford Adult Learning Center 496 Franklin Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11238
- 3. Coney Island Adult Learning Center 1901 Mermaid Ave. Brooklyn, N.Y. 11224
- 4. Eastern Parkway Adult Learning Center 1044 Eastern Parkway Brooklyn, N.Y. 11213
- 5. Williamsburgh Adult Learning Center 240 Division Ave.
  Brooklyn, N.Y. 11211
- 7. Describe the impact of the Federal project on the ongoing program of the grantee.

The Federal project has a tremendous impact on our program. It allows us



to strive for excellence through change. The positive changes that evolve through the use of tutor trainers and their freedom to fine tune and evaluate the volunteer tutors benefit the adult new readers and tutors already in place.

In the past, it was our perception that the rest of the Literacy community in New York City did not take the library literacy program seriously. We were considered an adjunct to the real service delivery of the schools. This grant enabled us to join them in A.L.I.E.S. and as a result of our meetings with other agencies and agency heads, the quality reflected in the Brooklyn Public Library's Literacy Program was able to shine through the misperceptions. Our willingness and ability to commit time and funds to the joint project signalled a serious educational commitment of the Library to education.



6/8 The First session was different from what 1 expected because of the emphases on "acture learning." I definitely got the point that it is better to ceasing through experiencing rather than just being given a bunch of information to read. Talso best the emphasis on the importance of whiting to clarify your thoughts went frustrations, etc. was helpful -- writing is Such an important tool to personal growth. 1 feet 1 cearned some valuable informatron from working in the small groups, also. When I have my own students, sine will be active and some will be passure. I think have some ideas on how to bring out the bassive learners: I am concerned, frough, with ow to "tone down" the overactive students he perhaps doesn't listen well or joins in too on and interrupts others - BEST COPY AVAILABLE

69 In video on writing groups was really helpful. I have a better understanding of what the students' skells will be, and It was also interesting to obscive the futor as she handled each person uniquely. The technique we we discussed for responding to writing makes sense to me, aethough it opmonsly is hard to not get into long discussions about people's writings after they read them. · I found with my partner that it was tempting to give too much adince as the listence, and to get "definitive" as the writer. I think we have to be especially sensitive not to overload the students with comments, and Know that we must try to make a little mogreso each time. also,

we cannot critisize too much or in a negative way because this could discourage someone.

I'm glad that you've really thought about your experiences in our workshops overactive students as early as you handle your passive ones I your passive ones I your plan you refer to techniques, temptations you refer to techniques, temptations you will carry your knowledge into your teaching.

You will carry your knowledge into your teaching.

-- Mark to

6/15 Seeing actual tutor groups was great - it gave me a upon to actually visualize what my group might be like. Also, 1 now feel More assured that I can be a good tutor and will really enjoy Long it. The futor I observed was very good. The group seemed very comfortable together, and she was able to tease them find Challenge them to think for themselves. I saw very glearly the need for patrence I is tempting to wond to give the Students the answer, built is critical to wast untre they at least make an attempt to answer. Also, I think, all a tutor BEST COPY AVAILABLE

I will learn to balance how much new information to give out windows rank Lach session with and making sure each poison lains something. With active learners, lets of questions and side ussues/conver-Sation may arise, but it is important to stay focused on accomplishing the lesson plan too. 6/16 Today's video on reading was enteresting - the emphasis on getting the learner invilved in drawing his/her own conclusions is critical. It helped to spend Some time in the lainer

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Que lots of choices for Clainers. 1 liked the suggestion made to alternate what the group reads hased on different peoples · Choices - this way, the group can go over & books together, yet still keep everyone interested. I think it is important for me to encourage my students to take the lead and plan their goals and What progress they would like to make in class. They need to feel the learning process is in their control, and I am a facilitator to help them achieve their goals BEST COPY AVAILABLE 23

JUNE 8 Today was the first day of training, and le found it its be fun and very engrossing elt's clean to me that the Strang is really suterested yen cultivating initials because of The supportion and merturing environment they create, si I was fascinated by their idea of incorporating The per nac with the literacy esperience e thought that teld be reading chosen materials with the student, and now te ca see that well be easily approaching the teaching from a variety of angles JUNE 10 >>

Last night Nota and I read our unings to each other in was Juddenly Struck by flat enormity: of evaluating someone's words, which were seally 123 person & stronglats sel realized What my writing Hackers god Sen forng through cur past Nola had written telsont problems the has with readount Wiking (getting les flivights. Ptraight, The bibliography etc.) VS The past with which she Wites personally, i.e. Lotters memos etc. ich assume pat l'el be helping my student with Stricture - topic Stutences Pollowup

Concluding sentence - as well as form exection not intend to analyze thought but its Ilucourage coptinal expression (what is the best way you). Can think of to say what you want to say ?) in his The fask may be difficult, but I think it will be easier to gauge when I meet mis Student I read your Synergy newsletter and agree with the principle of not marking the student's papers el sem inter The outrage clonce felt when a prenting teacher of ning picked up my paint brush and put a stroke of bright prik 2

JUNE 15

Today was interesting for me. I got to observe a girst-rate tutor who was was quiding her four participants toward taking the GED exam. This woman amazed me because the Me was so full of good-lumos and ligh spirits. There was nothing defeatist in her attitude.

She had a battery of reading materials for the Students to take home, and none of them complained. From her al harnese that pushing the homework is not only acceptable but necessary when speaking of progress in The long-term.

on the face of my self-portrait.

I am not pink! The painting

suddenly became lost to me.

I think the fraining well prove

to be invaluable for pointers.

Much as this.

Jally - 06/15/93

I felt the same as you the first time I had to evaluate someone's writing in a training session. In addition, while no one ever painted a self-potrait of mine with a stroke of bright pent, I understood your sense of outrage and loss. Strong, honest reactions like these are the best teachers. It is clear that you are learning a lot during our workshapes, and I wish you the best when you finish your training and meet your students.

Manks black

I really like the way she Communicated lier Confidence in her students and her enthusiasm for their own development. On The other hand, since vim a professional copy editor, & Couldn't belp but feel That The could leave gone into more deptr about language. For example, one man, Coisis, asked why it was miles an hour not "miles and hour! The tutor tried to get burn to read for sense, but I would've Explained that the article "an" is used with silent consumants and vowels. "Hour & lias a . Sitent "his so "an" fills in The Consonant Sound for fluidly of sound. El know that when el give a technical answer my Students might not understand, but I intend to simplify only after el have given the best answer to a question. El trink that there is room for my approach too. Il promise is not to smother my students in technical jargon.

Oh! One of the things that The tator Stressed was reading Comprehension. She wanted the Students to understand and Netain what they read, Not fist to recognize the words on the page. This seems very IMPORTANT!

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JUNE 16 Il was glad to be given the Chance to explore the books tonight. Everything was classeled according to general topic on The shelf, but because most of the books have no bundings and you can't tell what their titles are from bowsing, et ovas good to pull them out and look at them. Will Le be given Similar information about all of my Audents before I start Working with them? el plan to tutor at the main branch, does that mean leel be in a one-on-one session with a single Student? That type of

less dynamic for the studiet.

If I was especially peased to see the newsletter for new Neuders, which had boiled down news stories to make them more accessible. There him King about discussing news stories, and the newsletter will provide a good source. for them.

that I really enjoy the training spions. They're in lot of fun, and I like The supportive and nurturing environment the Program is trying to create.

My small group - great ! Enthusiastic and concerned, all of whom are great listeners lam concerned that requiring that We remain with the same figurage through out the training session may stitle us. We could gain a wealth of experience by encountering those different from OVIZUVES - different ages, sexes. races, backgrounds. The more encounters the between But 1 can see how this "constant" Situation might simulate the tutoring experience more closely. I found the exercise if untilly other listening to our partiner redd BEST COPY AVAILABLE

their essay very beneficial. It reinferred some lisking ficials I had stered away. I might have been analyzong too much, though. I tried reating but the deeper meaning and did not concentrate on the structure of the unting so with equal attention. What ratio would you affects here?

The responding exercises were extremely heipful. It made me aware or the injuriance of listening to the reader curefully The vereading point that Sara made - don't be afraid toll ask for a repeat of sections for all of the piece. Vil Feit that eased the pressure of getting at the points I needed to make & feer just the initial read. The discussion (of revision) contained effective tips, things that I hadrit thought of . Petually the complete reverse of whent I'd thought of. Don't have the unter verbuly explain." Its a simple idea, but I can see how it wastes. BEST COPY AVAILABLE

If the uniter tells can literal he/she means, then that the world would feel the meed to got knock and correct.

(writing) has me really excited. I love to write 11's my most serious holoby. Bisides helping someone else, It! really help me to grow as a writer. His the getting back to basics. Concentration

I'm glad you are enjoying the sessions and developing in sense of good responses!

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your comment about remaining with the same group would "stifle" you was interesting Did you feel stifled?

In answer to your question about meaning werens still

rements you question about moring veries structure: yes concentrate on the meaning at first. Later - much later sometimes - the surface structure can be dealt with. Given

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No I don't feel stifled. I consider
Myself to be open-minded and
also fairly discussion-onented.
So speaking in small groups is
Not dainting to me in animaly.
But there are certain members
of the class whom would make
it was rearly impossible for a
Shy person to get their point of view

heard. (not intentionally) Enough said.
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Last night's practically observation was a hur success' leader. It really exemplified how as a viter to encorporate methods reamed in the training with being personal siyles. Almost imperate to me was the reasonance, reinforcement of now important this program is and how rewarding it can be about of his student, he literary seemed close to tars. It almost chooked me us.

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## Thurs 17 June

Vesterday's video proved to be stimulating. It offered practical ideas on keeping termins ingversted and mativated. Tips, we having Students budget their own time and small group discussions are extremely valuable, By this I am Starting to grasp how to progress as a later more deany. I do have a question, though. Will we be evaluated but the end of the training session in any way? Do ph have a Way of determining whether someone is capable of futuring? Prother questions just occurred tome The learners we are BEST COPY AVAILABLE

matched with - have they worked will they be now to the program as well?

as were talking here
tonight I've thought of yet
another question (we wait
get to it tonight) Form
last rights read in a assignment
the article stated that any
writings made for wantility reading
alord (ie plays & persony)
Should be read about?
Do you envorace this
philosophy? If so why?
By the way, I do not agree.
Why-because some imaging in

Made a différence ma liny reading and 118 terms 8 hills Haule you. I found my selfhighlighting the lay poils white listening to some offe on the telephone. The chance to imposite my writing slulls was not what I had expected and it is something I almost yearned for thanks a can. I learned that everyone always has so much to shere from his or her experiences, and in a nonttreatering environment

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In reading the material on witing I leaned that because the emphasis is on witing we should int Slow will either spelling or princtuation but envoyage the student write to express humphoself. It should be a subject of interest and mashould limit for conversalism but write as the main from of communicating, aling the student MIS consido aliva, Use any question its motivale the writer to view accept the worldform from

any angle he wshe chaque.

A sense of confidence just came over me. I said to myself, what I have writer is how I think right now. I can alwell to leave it as it is or change it.

Thank you.

Nota-Your journal was a pleasine 70 read, for your thoughtfulness and your enthusiasm. It was also encouraging to read that the underlying principles of teaching we are trying 70 impart: listening, observing and responding effectively are very march a part of your thinking.

The sense of delight in working on your own skills is an important part of what you can share with your learners, and i hope continue to develop as a facilitator in uku to work on number the programs.

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carah



b/15/9 I'd always like to see in expression of joy + accomplishment and faces of my adult leavers as I sow on Hre Lace of Mr Maldoniado a beginne Who was the student of the tutor I observed. The tutor was patient, he 118tenend (when I might have talked he enouraged and got results He a students who were there (out st-tive) got their quistions answered and in way that they understood and had the Chance to ask mose quistims I saw ofter students reading to themselves, in another is oup. The tirst part of the Session, the language experiences

Stories I have to star with What the student actually Serys I found my call my own words. I'll have to work at they, I also have to watch how my criticism comes over It some times consider hersh. Now that I like observed this Ill modify mytone I have observed I all Then the student is theresest in, the subject you get more out of hun, her. I have only starties readly since I had to brie myself ont of a somewhat depressed mode. I read for school or work but not for pleasure

6/16/93 The child mitte opening of the video had obviorship been positively programmed to read a -book" she kept-repealed ! phose and I mondeted where I hear that happened it was
to hear the responses to the question
what terral of reading a clivities are seen d'the teacher's role as an observer, as I mentioned in clan the Moncessor welthod advocates observes the child, to prepare the emiror ment-Is meel- the child's meed as well as to increase the Lew Reading is an imperstant

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part of the child's day Peacher to I child, child to self, in roups or one on one. I have to read much more than I do now, it is happening. The question "how we leantly read " shows how much we take for oxianted, and how intelligent the child is I did not think at the alphabel a all Hose muscry chymes as where I scarted. that was intowstick me. The experience is the book-lending area for the adult reader was note what I expected. I'm really wondering what my

expectation were? The hands on experience so great. That you To day a glimpse at the part showed that a strict parent-, a teacher, mus father left me & believe that treading had to have a purpose but for pleasure was not sen as a pur pose. About comprehension and comes salur? would it affect the way one writes? would the use of colloquation be a plablen? Nola. your observations on 6/15/93 are excellent. yairlast question about collegualisms no their use would merus he & morlern, they would probably indicate the learner's vace is comen through this unity per the BEST COPY AVAILABLE

Respond to student as human heing. Read students work, thanh them for sharing with you. Encourage students by shiring with them.

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J - Lisble

On Saturday I went to LICH for a lesson in self-breast examination. Hurse was exceptional in her presentation, until she called me "hon." Affectation has always inhed me.

Walking toward home I met a woman who asked directions to Montague Street. I responded, "You're walking in the wrong direction." Immiliately, I know there was a better way. "Montague Street is in the opposite direction." would move been appropriate.

After three training sessions I am intriuring some-much needed - communication shells!

Justan Jun 15 It was a pleasure to observe student/ tutor in real class. I fell that the tutor was very effective; she was pleasant, smiled a lot was withy yet firm. Jutor called one person by name quite often, perhaps student needs this tracognetion as she is hostant to respond otherwise. Overall, class seemed quite involved in their work and pleased with their tulor. my witheresting observations Howdo you feel about setting started yourself. The finter stepuill he to join a group coan Oblever -- I'll told tolkabout this more tonight - Tobbe BEST COPY AVAILABLE

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Educe 93. It truly cytoged the first article on Active liarning, for several reasons. First of all, I approximated the muthors writing style. Indead of lecturing the reader the wivolved was some ende of us in his learning process. She admitted her unitial solvache and -- discussed the method with which she came to a solution. Secondly, the article addressed some of learning that affect all of us. Nealited the informating this that & even though I was countilered a good student during my education., I also suffered from the low self esteem that result in pass, we learning. When in college, I was in intrinidated by the omniscience of the professors that it took two years for me to approach an of my teachers Tafter class or during their Effice hours. I meterred to estruggle parinfully & adeathy in nupelforer a problem than to seek out and ruck a professoz for fear of appearup empod or 1724. Through that experience, I have come to appreciate

how important of it is for a teacher or tintor to establish a non-fine atening learning environment. It is only when a student feels comfortable with the tutor & ether students that real learning can occur. I wish that Ms. Rosenthal had in her article stageathanen.

A quiteman in our group, Nelson had mentioned that he had some single stadent tutoring experience at at the Williams any branch to take it woof a technique that another tutor had used to encourage active learning; the tutor had used to encourage the seasion on occasion. Depending upon the level of abolity of the stadents, I think that would be a like seasion on occasion. Depending upon the level of abolity of the stadents, I think that would be a like seasion to use.

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10 June 93

It's a good thing that this training session is so untersine because last night treatized that there is a great deal of information I still need to learn During-our table discussion concerning the question of how to get a water to revise his oz her work without writing the revisions ourestres, we thought that to discussion about the text's darity with the writer would be worthwise I had thought that person some students ware night be intunidated by writing their thoughts on paper, fanta shap a disconsport. | figured that most adult learners would be able to express themselves verbally quite well and that talling about the subject would ease the transition to the written word and its revision. Perhaps (came to His conclusion because of my own writing process. I often compose tring thoughts for a proper by thuking about it entabled out loud or reading what I have BEST COPY AVAILABLE

that [need. I had never thought that talking about style text would arain the 30 me muthors' every to revise but [see -last it makes sense.

dustion: For a beginning reader/weter, is
it a problem for he/due to use " — when
not knowing the spelling? It would been to
me that it would be hard to remember
the to thought behind the sentence if to many
words were left blanks. What is the act vantage
of the blanks over the invented spelling?
Another question. In the training manual in the
wating section, it mentioned extending the
language experience." I didn't understand
what it meant. Are we given to disauso
this at some point?

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lighte 93.

It was great to be able to doscue the groups in action yesterday. No amount of wagening or role playing can substitute the valuable learning that occurred while watching ! mas quite suprised at how and relaxed the lutors and students were, despite the presenct of afour strangers who were watching their every move. I think that the group were were observing both must have been together a while because the students Seemed to be at ease with each office I were encouraging among themselves Even with such a strong base of group cooperation, 1 realized that there are still oballering that the tulor has to face. One of the students had tixated on phonics and had wanted to work on this spice refore all others and wanted to expetalize of the Inter's attention. Interestingly, all three students wanted to focus

On their reading skills hather than writing. Each of them found that not being zine to read + comprehend well was ranged in his ting then aves. It was difficult for the tutor to convince the students that reading & writing were unteres Connected. In such a case, would the possede for the tutor to focus the learning on reading material and writing about what frey have read rather than creative writing? Or would that take away too much from the beliguage experience learning? One thing I have noticed to that the materials the students are given (fournils, files, etc.) are very unifoun Das I think it would be great to let the students personalize then Gurals. Writing in a blue book way be distracting to some of the Clarkers From my experience of wichig in the four val on
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the subway has pronyted some questions
from strangers about the my take nome exam
I think it night be easier for some strictents
to treat their fournals has their own; if they
are not confined to write in a booklet that
I tabelled "examination book" and conforms
with everyonessess.

17 June 93

Today's workshop seemed to zensiver the question. I hack watten earlies in reference to combining the reacting to writing learning. I loved seeing the Works I wish we had more of a chrince to lunger to read more of the books that were there. I was superiscal by the breadth of options the new neader has . I thought that the wewspaper was fantached. I wish that there were even more books, such no A Tale of two Ceties and Fatherhop that are adapted to new neaders. I noticed that some of books which were written by he Parcollyn

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content, the stonics were not relivary correct gramatically. Do other adult learners finds that reaches who read the short stories get confused or distracted when the tenses or spelling is incorrect?

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I learned that sometimes you can have a litter sunder standing of your own writing by distining to what is reflected tack to you True I read out loud what I had writer and it was paraphrased back to me, it inade sense. I linderstood why this particular subglet was on my mind. I don't know what to reguet from my future students but I undelstand the neced to be flexible. Developing confidence ien the individual is a necessary step to proceed with learning Being Being

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purpy ie. trying to correct spelling and puntuation will not foster confidence. Il is important for the inducational to develop thoughts, to be able to transfer these to paper We can help the individual do this by listening, by asking questions about the piece - writing these questions down so the individual can address the answers if thing chooses to. Read ing outloud in a group will encourage more questions Ill is a way for the writer to under stand how this ther writing may be made inore clear.

6-15

Using the whole language approach to teach reading seems like a good method The students will have familiarity with what they are reading sence they read it, and if the right questions are asked by the tutor the subject mather will be centeresting to the student I had the chance to clock at the work book another tutor was using It looked will organized and manageable for a training reader of elt also looked boing. The subject matter was the same

throughout the book to day in someones life. I don't know if I would use this book as a supplement. Heren Smith, the Macher in the wideo, gave him students alot of flexibility. She also assumed that they were intelligent and responsible and could handle a group oriented discussion. I think many teachers would ain for comprehension as opposed to conversation. Have did not thenk that she has The right answer. It just

wanted her students to gather their own meaning out of the story depending on their own frame of reference. What struck me most was that she had no doubt that her students could handle this type of discussion. And they stid handle it.

If you think a book is boring, your student probably will also!

discussions. They bring their life experience to the learning sessions and then discuss. Sometimes there are misconcaptions. How would you hardle an obviously incorrect

would you handle an obviously incorrect "fact"? (just curious)

found the first workshop ands Heref informative. I Terred a latt from it. For comple; I learnell. That by making a lish of the ting wat are Juling to arte about makes it lesser for the writer to express himself. It's lasier heaves the writer has information he cape use to brefer to while he is writing I also Johns it enjoyable To interdet in The group. It was enjoyable blecain While reading my story to Someone, I had the prostunity to see how the other person

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reacted to it The Second Class Was more interesting Ilan the first Class Chicause the ather person express what she thought about me writing-She puted out little ! phrases that meded revision I thought that was a good Idea hecause i juerlood Thingy that I could add to the writing. I did not see these theres misely BEST COPY AVAILABLE 66

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On The fourth Dession of Suc workshop, we Played Student teach Relationship When I played the student, I had little trouble thenking of Something to say. The Stelecher askly me, what shappened to you to, day " I responded bruckly because it was in my much from early this morning that the trainer Osused me to the Very late. I woke appelling very lappy. By the the I breached my Joh, I Was defressed. I was depressed because usually take the #4 orden from alexa anence BEST COPY AVAILABLE

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to furtal street. There changed and got the #A train to In the teleca auence stations that morning the associacemen - was, The number 4 train is out of servere due to a Auk Passanger at Bowling Oreen. flease take the# 1/ 3 train and Phonge at some fourt in the cetifi the Platform was so Orombled that I had to want for about 3 # 3 trains to fass by. I finally got on The 3 brain. When we reached Franklyn are enother annualment was made. "The humber 4 train is back in Service.

I was to tired to mane I Think it is lessee to Write a good story when you have some their in mind already that Gaw Con write about, because you don't have to their on The Subject. My teacher was a good listerer, she fount out things she couldn't remember to write down and I felled her in. When We Switched Places and she became the shelend and I was the teacher, It was harden for the to talk about something because she had to

thenk of Donething, to Day with Jone Couching her The Class sesseme that are Dat in was interesting the cause I had a Change to Open four different ways Teachling, The most affective one was the teacher that teld the Class interest. The teacher have to the frepared with several leasons so, that the thicket Wor't get bored. found in love of the Classesthat the Stadest beginnery bored and frustrated because it seem to the little Commencation that between the Students and The totalor. BEST COPY AVAILABLES

My first lesson at the tuiter workshop was very informatine. In preparation for this workshap we lead Octive hearning, Emplowered. This article talks about the furdamentals of passine and active learning. It details encouraging passine readers and wenters to become actue learners. Wateration, interest, Choosing, taking Contral, listering understanding one tierse Concepts to beloning active learners. · We as troining for thetors must hove the some corcepts and fire then Constructively in agoning lesson plans for our study to historing winting and Commenceation and The 71 three basic elements for literacy We must learn teaching strategies for

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Mading and westing. By honeing the lister ask questions to the winter reader, he/she will be able to reverd rethink, mate charges and another his piece in general Than the youring process begins; editing does not come to into play during the receiving stage. These are steps in transformations that the student will need to become an active reader rather than a passine one allowing students to water their Choices and Correct their our work is encouraging them to become active leavers. This also helps motivation, interest become forused on their work, build encourage went, participation. The complete process Probles students to make ochive decisions regarding their lines and

their education! I feel I am Planning to be more intered with migelf, my wenting and reading skills and I as well as the student need to be active it order to prepare my student to be an active reader/auter. I have to sharper my uniting and rearling skills so that I can use them in an effective and pasetive way to motivate and encourage active readers and uniters (Cornny + Savah one on one tuton) I liked the fact that the stepie wasn't pressured out of her 94 was a natual conversation and out of it atopic come out naturally W/out making on issue out of it.

6/15/93 I like the article allow Writing and Common Scarts of feel it is so appropriate Dured to do this with sents on listering to a song or being in a certain place. Hast menoies would surface into my thought as well as feelings on the specific gnotion or event that had occurred. Evating emation is on effective way of stimulating students to write since the topic is "ferronal". 9 also agree with " reading about should be Voluntaup not mandatory" The brotongrage expenses was different for me to comprehend how to go about doing it although, Dunderstood what Mod and it makes sense It was BEST COPY AVAILABLE 74

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about it I willisted the stairs (1) talk about subjects and open goded questions (2) record wite down what Sudant is saying - 3 real passage Its stident @ discuss and explane subject further (5) expand by rereading and atting questions (6) Plan-biainstorm for rein ideas and warp to weate language expenses states. I think I need to practice and redo for me to chek and connect with it. Whale longuage has a diverse and whole Components (Intering, speaking, countring thinking reading). It also has to be meaningfacel and respectful to language It is very logical to start with the students Experiences. It makes alot of some to me. The whole language expenses is guided and nets Structure for Students which Fr. my openion

is needed for daily learning and life in general. I think it is also important to allow students to express their feelings weas and experiences about their leading, the world because it shows confidence on their part. They also are able to help each other and ask to Jean year throp when they are notwated and confident. Their goals one realistic and achievable to the student when the whole largue experience is put to be only the student partates in it. I think the exercise on using books for appropriate material for students was very effective. It is culical that we as facilitators assign appropriate washing material that is relevant and

Interesting to students the moderning also has to cornect and mean something to the ceaser in order for them to wente work that is interesting to them. The viceo faper tought us interpersonal and commencetus exercises with actuating readers and winters. It was a great comple Its, studet need to chose and have freedom to express therefelves Webally. We also learn that each one I as learns in different ways, Therefore we need to commune to and faulitate defferthy to seen students because their form of learning is different and also

their bockground is different since
their upbringing, ethnicities, fexpensions
etc are diverse. We as forcilitators
head to keep Corcious and amone of
our goals and warp of teaching to
shudats so that we can import and
accept each studies individuality.
Trially enjoyed this is ession!

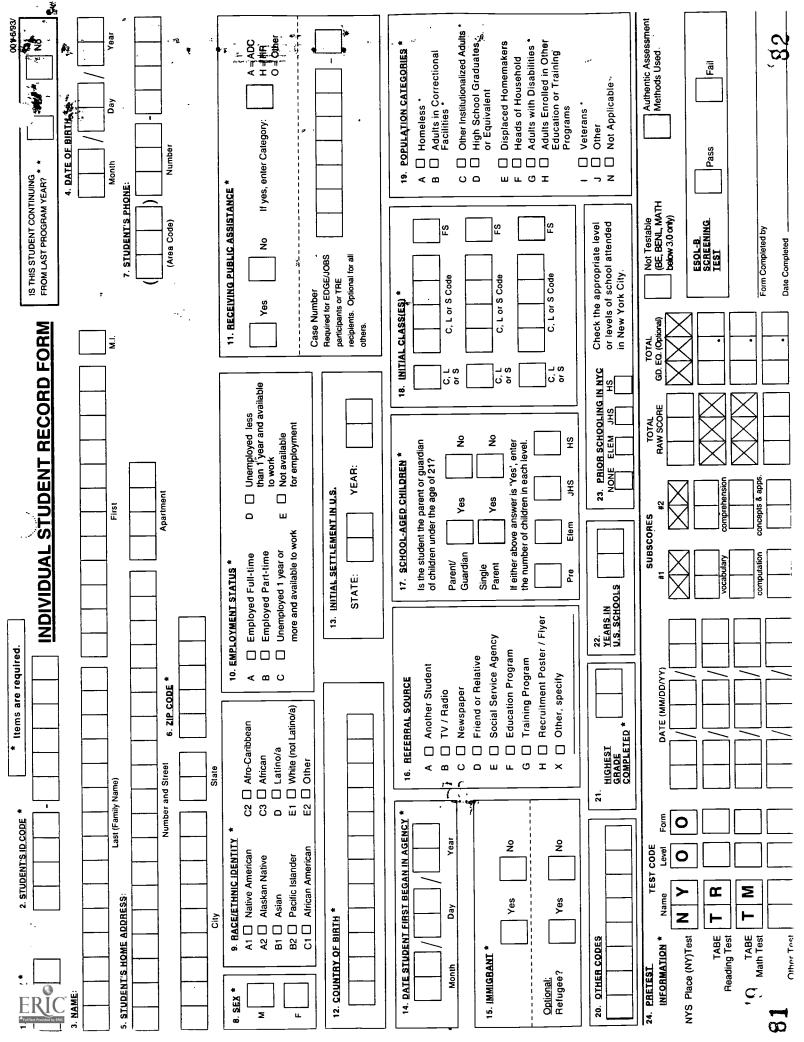
hihes-language esperience takes some practice.

you need both direct experience (personal) and indirect (books) to be literated. I like your comments about the need to have appropriate material - would you "arright" it?

As each of us is lifterent, so is each "learner".

After all, should we not all he learners ail our tollius?!

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